

[25th July, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

Gift Allowance in AAI

165. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

whether the Airports Authority of India officials are being provided "Gift Allowance" by government;

if so, the details of the allowance;

whether any scam has been detected in the utilisation of the said allowance;

if so, the details thereof; and

the action proposed by Government against the erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Airports Authority of India reimburses nominal amounts against vouchers to the senior executives for distribution of token gifts to the persons with whom they have official dealing as a goodwill gesture to promote greater interaction, *on* special occasions as per the following scale;

Members:	Rs. 14,000/-
Executive Directors:	Rs. 12,000/-
General Managers:	Rs. 9,500/-

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Agreement on Airport Security

166. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether the Ministry has tightened security arrangements at the National and International airports in order to make air travel safer in the country;

whether Government have signed any agreement in this regard with any other countries like Nepal; and

the name of the airports in the country where the deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in place of State Police for security duties has been made operational including deputing of sky marshals in IA/AI and other Private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.